

Senate Resolution 1301

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Buckner of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Joseph Wheeler on the occasion of his 51st
2 birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Joseph Wheeler was born on March 29, 1959, in West Helena,
4 Arkansas, the beloved son of Glendora and Joseph Wheeler, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Wheeler served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
6 the United States Army as a military policeman and was assigned to guard nuclear missiles
7 with the 2nd and 1st Air Defense Artillery in Wackerheim, Germany; and

8 WHEREAS, while in Germany, Reverend Wheeler enhanced his military understanding and
9 broadened his knowledge on the law through criminal investigation correspondent courses
10 and underwent a profound Christian conversion, diligently studying the Bible and conducting
11 prayer; and

12 WHEREAS, he earned a magna cum laude bachelor's degree in Biblical studies from Beulah
13 Heights Bible College and a master of divinity degree from the Interdenominational
14 Theological Center; and

15 WHEREAS, a longtime Civil Rights activist, Reverend Wheeler has devoted his time,
16 talents, and energy to the Clayton County NAACP for many years, serving as vice president
17 and being elected to four consecutive two-year terms as president; and

18 WHEREAS, through his leadership and guidance with the Clayton County NAACP, the
19 organization was able to ensure the fair drawing of district lines to get more African
20 Americans elected to public office, and the number of African Americans hired as teachers,
21 principals, police officers, and firefighters greatly increased; and

22 WHEREAS, a talented musician, Reverend Wheeler has co-written songs for Cynthia
23 Coleman and God Seeds of Joy for their upcoming album, *Praise Coming On*; has released
24 his own album, *All to Jesus*; and recently launched his own recording label, Kintups Record,
25 and publishing company, Pillowhill Music, to help other gospel music artists pursue their
26 gifts and to teach young people about the music industry; and

27 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife Vanessa, and they have
28 been blessed with a remarkable daughter, Aundria, and three wonderful grandchildren,
29 Carleesiya, Carlos, and Adora; and

30 WHEREAS, by the example Reverend Wheeler has made of his life, he makes this world a
31 better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately
32 recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Reverend Joseph Wheeler on the occasion of his 51st birthday and wish him many
35 more years of happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Joseph Wheeler.